STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Closure of toddy and arrack shops.

*1533 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been made to the Government by renters of toddy or arrack shops that their sales have been affected on account of the work done by the District Propaganda Committees; and

(b) whether any shops have had to be closed as the result of this propaganda?

A.—(a) Yes. Representations to this effect were received from certain renters of toddy and arrack shops in the North Arcot, South Arcot and South Kanara districts.

(b) The Government are not aware that any shops have so far been closed on this account.

Medical

Alleged post mortem examination of a gosha woman by a male doctor.

*1534 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that post-mortem examination of the corpse of a Muslim gosha lady alleged to have been murdered by some Sub-Inspector of Police at Cuddalore O.T. was conducted by the District Medical Officer, South Arcot district, who is a male;

(b) under whose orders it was done;

(c) whether the Government have passed any orders governing the post mortem examination of Muslim female corpses and, if so, whether it wil be laid on the table of the House; and

(d) if not, what action they propose to take to put a stop to the practiced of post mortem examination of Muslim female corpses being conducted by male doctors in future?

A.—(a) & (b) A report[a] on the subject received from the Surgeon-General is laid on the table.

(c) & (d) A copy[a] of G.O. No. 1309, Judicial, dated 12th June 1915, is laid on the table.

Public Health

Objection to the construction of a certain building in Coonoor.

*1535 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: With reference to the answer to question No. 1347, dated 28th January 1930, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the information called for has since been received about the objectionable construction of a building by H. M. D. Khan Sahib Ismail Siddick and, if so, what it is.?

A.—Yes. The answer[b] to question No. 1347 dated the 28th January 1930 is appended.

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a Printed as Appendix X on pages 405–406 infra.
b Printed as Appendix XI on page 406 infra.